

M. PUBLIC SERVICES

SETTING

Public services are typically provided to development projects by a variety of local purveyors (e.g., city, county, special district, and school district) which may include fire and police protection during project development. The availability of these services, in addition to school, parks, and other public facilities, vary depending on the level of development in the area.

PROTECTION SERVICES

Local fire protection and law enforcement districts provide protection services from both fire and public safety for the appropriate cities throughout the project area. These districts provide service for their assigned cities and surrounding unincorporated areas. Additionally, the California Highway Patrol ensures safety and provides service to the public as they utilize the highway transportation system and to assist local government during emergencies when requested.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Due to the expansiveness of the project area the educational institutions in a service territory are comprised of numerous unified school districts, serving the K-12 grade levels, and higher education facilities, which consist of four-year universities (private and public) and community colleges. Within each service territory, K-12 grade level schools may potentially be located near an access point. In addition, these construction sites may be near a college or university. In either case, the project will not impede performance objectives for any educational institutions or other public facilities such as parks or recreation areas.

IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

<i>Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):</i>	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
PUBLIC SERVICES				
a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
i) Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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iv)	Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
v)	Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE

The determination of impacts of the proposed project is based on criteria a and b in the CEQA environmental checklist.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

a.i,a.ii) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for fire protection.

Impact PUB-1: Project activities will temporarily disrupt existing transportation and circulation patterns in the vicinity, and impact response times for fire and police emergencies, by disrupting traffic flows and street operations.

Implementation of the proposed project would not generate additional demand on the public services of fire or police protection and therefore would require no new construction or enhancement of existing government facilities. Conduit installation would occur within existing natural gas pipelines using a FIG technology where access to the pipelines would occur within road rights-of-way. Because access for FIG installation activities could temporarily disrupt existing transportation and circulation patterns in the vicinity, it has the potential to impact response times for fire and police emergencies, by disrupting traffic flows and street operations and by reducing travel lanes and curb parking. Implementing **Mitigation Measure TRA-1a** would reduce impacts to levels of insignificance.

Mitigation Measure: Implementing Mitigation Measure TRA-1a.

a.iii,a.iv,a.v) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for police protection.

Implementation of the proposed project would not generate additional demand on the public services of schools, parks, or other public facilities and therefore would require no new construction or enhancement of existing government facilities. Therefore there would be no impacts to fire and police protection, schools, parks, and other public facilities.